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**REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND
RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action, of which Applicants were notified by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") on October 22, 2008, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

Request for One-Month Extension of Time to Respond begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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